



BODENSTOWN COMMEMORATION 2024



On Sunday July 7, the Annual Wolfe Tone Commemoration organised by the Revolutionary Socialist Republican Movement saw Republicans from across Ireland assemble in Bodentown Cemetery outside Sallins in County Kildare.

Led by the Socialist Republican Colour Party, representing the Four Provinces of Ireland and the continuity of the Republican struggle from the days of Wolfe Tone down to today, the Parade marched to the graveside of the father of Irish Republicans carrying banners that included the message 'Britain/NATO Out of Ireland' and 'Republicans against NATO' and carried a number of republican flags side by side with the Basque and Palestinian national flags along with the flag of the PFLP.

At the graveside, the event was chaired by a Wicklow Republican, who welcomed those in attendance and commented on the growth of the movement in recent years which was evident from the crowd in attendance before sending solidarity to the Republican Pows and the Basque and Palestinian Resistance Movements. To begin the event a haunting rendition of Bodentown Chuchyard written by the Young Irelander Thomas Davis was sang to the crowd, before a young Republican activist from County Meath was called forward to read the 1916 Proclamation and reassert the allegiance of the Revolutionary Socialist Republican Movement to the All Ireland Republic, Proclaimed in Arms in 1916.

The chair then called for a minutes silence for the men and women of every generation who gave their lives for National Liberation, as the colour party lowered their flags in honour of our

Patriot Dead. Veteran Republican, Tony Byrne from Wicklow then laid a wreath on the grave of Wolfe Tone on behalf of the Revolutionary Socialist Republican movement.

The chair then called for the main oration of the day, which was delivered by a Republican from Dublin. The speaker began by sending solidarity to the Republican POWs in Portlaoise, Maghaberry, Hydebank and Magilligan, asserting that the POWs should be supported by all republicans regardless of groups and went on to remember a number of comrades who have passed away in the last 12 months. After Expressing Solidarity with the Palestinian Resistance the speaker continued by confirming the commitment of the movement to the struggle for National Liberation as the priority in this period of struggle asserting that by 'remaining true to the teachings and the vision of Wolfe Tone, we can build a revolutionary movement that will successfully free our country.' The speaker highlighted that Tone's most important beliefs were the need to 'break the connection with England' and to ensure the Republican Movement was always rooted in and driven by the 'Men of no property'. The speaker made reference to the fact that other important tenets of Republicanism set down by tone were that republicanism was always Anti Imperialist and it is Internationalist and that Republicans support the liberation struggles of oppressed people all over the world because 'every blow struck against imperialism brings our victory closer'.

The speaker outlined the need for an Anti Imperialist broad front and explained how such a development would greatly strengthen the move-

ment. It is a priority of the movement to develop a United Front of Revolutionary Republicans, respectful of the autonomy and independence of the groups and independents involved, working in co-operation to advance our common Republican objectives and achieve a common Republican Programme, and continued that trust and co-operation between Republicans could be built up towards this end, being best achieved through activism and 'the development of National Republican Campaigns that can be taken up by all Republican Groups and Independents in a unity of purpose that shows the real and forgotten strength of the Republican Movement. There are many such campaigns that could be developed from Support for POW, opposing internment and extradition, Environmental campaigns such as the unacceptable situation in Lough Neagh to campaigns that oppose the British and NATO Presence in Ireland'.

Following the main Oration, the chair brought the event to a close by calling for the singing of the National Anthem, Amhrain na bhFiain.

If anyone doubted that the state views Irish Socialist Republicanism as a threat, it would quickly have been done away with by the presence of 6 carloads of the Special Branch present at the event, who filmed proceedings throughout in a pointless attempt to intimidate the Republicans in attendance. Since the days of Tone and the United Irishmen one version of Political Police or another have been used to attempt to stop Republicans from pursuing our legitimate objectives, but such tactics have and will always fail and only serves to make the movement and its membership even more determined.

editorial

The Free State, buoyed up by the appointment of Simon Harris as its chief pen pusher, is continuing to facilitate the open organisation of fascism across the 26 counties, to push its long-held objective of encouraging working class communities to fight among themselves and remain distracted from the crimes of those in power. The fascist organisations in the 26 counties are tiny and at the moment have no real community links, but the states absolute and deliberate mismanagement of immigration is providing fertile ground within our communities for the ideas of fascism to spread. Republicans must not be caught napping. Now is the time for action to defeat the fascist threat in its infancy before these Free State and MI5 controlled groups manage to get a foothold. An Phoblacht Abú encourages all Republicans to make the open and secret work of defeating fascism a priority in the time ahead. The work of various republican groups in Dundalk to prevent effective organisation by fascists is a model that should be repeated across the country.

In the fight against fascism, Republicans across Ireland could learn a thing or two from the Derry Youth and how they actively confront the occupation. The Republican Youth have been to the fore in preventing incursions by the colonial militia and the British Army into their communities, particularly in Creggan, a Republican stronghold that finds itself at the forefront of resistance. The condemnation of the youth by British politicians in Stormont and Westminster demonstrated how out of touch the garrison class is from Republican sentiment on the ground. Fireworks, petrol bombs and masonry bricks and the Revolutionary Republican spirit of resistance, do more at this point in time when aimed at the British army and RUC to advance the cause of a Free and United Ireland than all talk of a mythical border poll. The Republican Youth recognise this better than anyone else and is why they position themselves, in each generation at the front of the struggle. While politicians talk about peace, those on the ground know there is no peace in Ireland, the British Army and RUC continue to operate as they always have and directed by MI5 continue to wage war against republicans.

Alongside the resistant youth, armed actions by a number of Republican military organisations are continuing on a monthly basis against the British Occupation. Such actions, though often ignored in the main-

stream media or covered up by the British Occupation as hoaxes, demonstrate that the fight for freedom in Ireland is far from over. Despite all the weapons and funding in the hands of British Imperialism and the resources they continue to aim at Irish Republicans, that armed actions for national liberation are continuing on a monthly basis is a testament to the ingenuity of oppressed and occupied people and to the wider Republican movement. With greater coordination between organisations the struggle could be but on a stronger footing and move to the next level.

And again, Irish Republicans can learn from the fight for freedom in Palestine and the Anti Zionist Resistance across the Middle East. The heroic struggle for freedom for Palestine has entered a key and decisive stage and the Revolutionaries in Palestine are demonstrating what can be done when a united resistance movement utilises the Revolutionary Armed Struggle in a coordinated way in the fight for Freedom. All too aware that they are losing the fight in Palestine, The criminal and Nazi Zionist entity is determined to spark a regional war, targeting Hezbollah, Lebanon and Iran in the hope that such regional war would lead to the total and direct intervention by British and US Imperialism who are keeping the Zionist Entity afloat and directly involved in the fight on the ground, though currently limited to special forces operatives. It is likely that in the days and months ahead, the move by the Zionists to spark regional war is a complete miscalculation and an overstepping that will cost the entity its very existence. The axis of Resistance, who have played an inspiring and decisive role in the Al- Aqsa Flood stand ready to fight Zionism and Imperialism with everything they have available. The coming response from the Resistance to the Zionist assassination of key Resistance leaders will give a clearer insight into this. Palestine does not stand alone and Resistance movements from Lebanon, Yemen, Iraq and the Revolutionary Guards from Iran are all playing a key role in the Revolutionary Armed Struggle against Zionism and Imperialism in the Middle East.

Irish Republicans must redouble our efforts to support the Palestinian and Anti Zionist Resistance in the Middle East and take heart that the struggle in Palestine is demonstrating in the 21st century that the People's Resistance is capable of defeating Imperialist Colonisation.

BODENSTOWN ORATION

The following is the main oration delivered at the annual Wolfe Tone Commemoration in July 2024 on behalf of the Revolutionary Irish Socialist Republican Movement:

A Chairde is a gcomrádaíthe,

Táimid anseo san relig bodenstown ag an iomh ár nathair, Wolfe Tone agus aimid ag rá go bhfuil an gluais-teacht a búna sé fás beo, agus tá sé ag fás arís.

Wolfe Tone is the father of Irish Republicanism. We come here each year not just for commemoration, but like Pearse, Connolly, Mellows and Costello before us, we come because we believe that the ideas and the vision that Tone put forward of a free independent Ireland is as relevant today as they were in the 1790s and because we believe that by remaining true to the teachings of Wolfe Tone we can build a revolutionary movement that will successfully free our country. Maybe not today, but our freedom is inevitable.

Tone's most important belief was that we must 'break the connection with England' by any means necessary. It is for this reason that he established revolutionary military-political organisation the United Irishmen in 1791 and led a mass armed uprising in 1798 against British Rule in Ireland. Tone was also clear that the revolutionary struggle could only be successful if it was based on the masses of the Irish People, stating that, 'Our Strength shall come from that great and respectable class, the men of no prop-



erty'. And in these two simple quotes from Wolfe Tone, we have two of the most important teachings for the Revolutionary Republican Movement today. Firstly, that Republicans must work as a priority for National Liberation by any means we decide necessary. That we must break the connection with England and defeat all forms of Imperialism in Ireland to establish a sovereign, Independent, Irish Republic. And secondly, we learn from Tone that the fight for our Republic is a class struggle and that the driving force of that struggle will be the working class fighting for their own liberation. These are two key teachings that when deviated from lead to compromise and the selling out of our revolution. It is the duty of all of us here today and of all Republicans across Ireland, to ensure that the struggle for national liberation is kept at the fore of our revolutionary republican objectives and that we work tirelessly to achieve it and to ensure that our movement remains centred on and driven by the working class.

Some other key points laid down by Tone include that Republicanism is Anti Imperialist and it is Internationalist. Our struggle in Ireland is part of a wider international struggle of oppressed people against occupa-

tion, colonialism and imperialism. Tone understood this when he looked to Revolutionary France to support the 1798 uprising. Today, Republicans must fight our struggle while also supporting Liberation struggles around the world in the belief that every blow struck against imperialism brings our victory closer. So from Palestine to the Philippines and from India to the Basque Country, and everywhere people take a stand against NATO, the Revolutionary Republican movement must raise our cries in solidarity. The tide of revolution is rising in the world and there is much to be optimistic about.

But as revolutionaries we also have to be realistic. Since the time of Wolfe Tone the tide of revolutionary Republicanism has ebbed and flowed. After the days of Tone and Emmet and the final defeat of the United Irishmen in 1805, Republicanism was reduced to an ember, spoken about in quiet corners until the birth of Young Ireland and the uprisings of 1848 and 1849 when revolutionaries such as Thomas Davis, Fintan Lalor, James Stephens and John O'Mahony would carry forward the vision of Tone, take up the hard work of rebuilding the Republican Movement and become the spark that would renew the Revolutionary fire...

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...giving birth to Fenianism and the struggle that has carried us until today.

And today, we are 26 years on from the surrender of 1998, a surrender that had a devastating effect on the movement. Later this month it will be 19 years since the Provisionals ended their armed campaign. These two great betrayals have led to the situation where the movement is fractured and split. The revolutionary forces, though active, are scattered and there is mistrust between Republicans, whether in different groups or independents across Ireland, and this mistrust and division is exploited by our enemies. It is a situation that all Republicans want to reverse and one of the revolutionary priorities in this phase of our struggle to overcome.

Comrades, like the revolutionary republicans after the defeat of the United Irishmen and Young Ireland, we find ourselves with the hard and gruelling task of rebuilding and reasserting the revolutionary republican struggle. And the path to rebuild our struggle is the development of an Anti Imperialist Broad Front. A United Front of Revolutionary republicans, recognising and respectful of the autonomy and independence of the groups and independents involved, working in cooperation to advance our common republican objectives and to achieve a common republican programme. This is what our enemies most fear.

But again, this will not just happen overnight. Trust and co-operation must be developed and we assert that this will be best achieved through activism and the development of National Republican Campaigns that can be taken up by all Republican groups

and independents in a unity of purpose, that shows the real and forgotten strength of the Republican Movement. There are many campaigns that could be developed from support for POWs to opposing internment and extradition, environmental campaigns such as the unacceptable situation at Lough Neagh, to campaigns that oppose the British and NATO presence in Ireland. Such a Republican Broad Front would be a fitting tribute to our Patriot Dead, to martyrs like Cathal Brugha, who gave his all in fighting for the sovereign, Independent Irish Republic and gave his life on this day in 1922 as a hero in the war in defence of the Republic.

Over the last seven years we have put down a solid foundation as a movement. We have reasserted Irish Socialist Republicanism as the driving force of Revolution in Ireland. We have recruited a new generation of republicans not damaged by the 1998 surrender who are now working with more experienced republicans to drive the struggle on. While we can be happy with these achievements, the Republic needs more from each and every one of us and we all need to ask what we as individuals can do to carry the struggle forward. Now is the time to move to the next phase of development in our revolutionary struggle, unsurprisingly by taking it back to Tone. Now is the time to strengthen and embed ourselves in the people of no property and to engage in systematic Republican Community work across the country.

In doing so, we would do well to return to Seamus Costello and the oration that he delivered from this spot in 1966, signalling the rise of Socialist Republicanism within

the Movement. Costello outlined how it was the duty of all republicans to be active in our community. How we should be involved in community groups, trade unions, tenants and residents associations, sporting, cultural and educational organisations and how we must take and assert our revolutionary republican position within them. This is a task for all revolutionary republicans. Look at the groups in your area and see which ones your involvement in would advance the strengthening of Socialist Republicanism in your community. Where no such groups exist, establish them. Where help is needed reach out to us as we have experienced comrades who excel in this area that would be happy to help in this work.

To conclude the comrades, this is a brief outline of our tasks in the time ahead. While these plans will be deepened with discussion and debate within the movement, no one should leave this graveyard thinking there is no work for them to do, and the responsibility is on you to come forward and volunteer instead of waiting for others to come and ask you. Our work is to free Ireland and our people by any means necessary to establish the 32 county All Ireland Socialist Republic, sovereign, independent, Gaelic and free, and we will not be stopped.

Redouble your efforts comrades, onwards to the Republic of 1916.

**Beir Bua,
Tiocfaidh Ár Lá.**

Honouring Ireland's Patriot Dead Across Ireland

Throughout July and August, Anti Imperialist Action Ireland have continued to honour Ireland's Patriot Dead across the country.

On July 20, Republicans from the south East gathered in Carlow Town to honour the 22 Republican Volunteers who have given their lives for Irish Freedom while in prison on Hungerstrike. There was a great turnout at the event from Revolutionary Republicans from Carlow, Wexford and Wicklow, demonstrating the movement is strong in South East Leinster and remains committed to pursuing our Republican objectives.



On July 27, Republicans from Dublin and further afield gathered in Howth for the annual Howth Gun running commemoration. The oration was delivered by a Republican ex- Pow and the wreath was also laid by a Republican ex-pow. The oration delivered stated: *"One hundred and ten years ago, members of Fianna Éireann and the Irish Citizen Army stood on this pier, ready to land arms for the Irish Volunteers. This revolutionary action was an immensely crucial step towards supporting the arming of the resistance of the 1916 Rising, symbolizing political and military defiance against the British Imperialist Empire and its continued occupation of Ireland. It was a vital step in declaring the right of Irish self-determination. Key figures in this mission included Constance Markievicz, a prominent republican, socialist, and feminist, Erskine Childers, a leading Sinn Féin member, with his wife Molly Childers, and Roger Casement. They navigated from Hamburg through severe storms and evaded the British Navy to deliver the arms to be used in resistance to occupation. The Irish Citizen Army, the first of its type in the world, and Fianna Éireann, itself a revolutionary organization, were instrumental in successfully transporting the*

weapons to Dublin. These weapons, bolt-action German Mauser rifles, and close to 50,000 rounds of quality high-calibre ammunition, were enough to provide for armed action against a greater in number and better-armed occupational force. However, the R.I.C, itself a collaborationist force, and their interference, and the subsequent violence by British Military forces at Bachelor's Walk, resulting in civilian deaths, highlighted the stark contrast in treatment compared to the Ulster Volunteer Force's earlier arms landing, once again showcasing the occupational forces' collusion and facilitation of sectarian bigotry.

Today, we honour those who contributed to this struggle. More than just remembering their actions, we celebrate their political ideals of an independent, democratic, and equal Ireland. The Democratic Programme of 1919, following the 1916 Proclamation, emphasised the right of the Irish people to control their destinies, prioritising public welfare over private property and advocating for social and economic equality. The Asgard landing was pivotal in the fight for Irish independence, providing both the means and confidence to challenge the Imperialist regime directly. That independence is still unsecured, the Ireland of today still occupied, still under the direction of imperialism, our Ireland today a far cry from a Republic of equals, our people betrayed to service the economic demands of those for whom the Asgard her crew and the revolutionaries they armed were in direct revolutionary threat to their dominance and that of their imperialist masters. This vision, championed by Markievicz and her peers, continues to inspire us. Our current efforts focus on mobilising for political, social, and economic change, aiming to fulfil the promise of the Democratic Programme by establishing a fully independent, socialist republic. As we commemorate today, we reaffirm our commitment to this ongoing struggle."

On August 3rd a number of senior Republican Activ-

ists marked the 108th anniversary of the Execution of leading IRB member and 1916 leader Roger Casement with a wreathlaying at the statue erected in his honouring Dún Laoghaire within sight of the home he was born in.



In Limerick, Wicklow and Meath, Republican Activists continue to erect AIA's 42nd anniversary of the 1981 hungerstike commemorative poster across their communities, keeping the names of the hunger Strike Martyrs alive across the Country.

To mark the 42nd Anniversary of the death on Hunger strike of IRA Vol. Tom McElwee, Republican activists held a wreathlaying at his grave, which he shares with fellow hunger strike martyr, his cousin, Vol. Francis Hughes.

In Waterford, Republican Activists linked an event in honour of Ireland's Patriot Dead at the Republican Martyrs monument on the quays to a demonstration in support of the Palestinian Resistance, demonstrating that the fight against Imperialism in Ireland and Palestine are not separate struggles, but part of the one international fight for National Liberation.

AIA remains committed to honouring Ireland's Patriot dead and continuing their work to achieve the objective they gave their lives for, the Sovereign, Independent 32 County Irish Republic.

LIMERICK: REPRESSION OF ANTI-EXTRADITION CAMPAIGN

Anti Imperialist Action Ireland condemn the arrest and charging of a Republican Activist in Limerick for engaging in the campaign against extradition.

On 20 August, the Republican Activist was arrested by the Special Branch under Section 30 of the Offences against the State Act, and held in Henry St Barracks.

The Republican activist was strip searched and had his clothing and personal belongings taken by the Free State police.

The Republican was then interrogated about Republican Activism in Limerick and in particular about AIA's campaign against the extradition of Irish Republicans.

The Republican then had his period of detention extended over night and was brought before the Free State Court Yesterday, where he was charged with 'criminal damage' for allegedly engaging in a slogan writing campaign against the extradition of Cork Republican Seán Walsh.

Released on bail from the court, in a petty attempt at harassment the branch refused to return his phone, personal belongings and clothing.

Such tactics will not stop Irish Republicans from working towards the rebuilding of the Irish Republic proclaimed in 1916 and will fail to deter us from pursuing our legitimate objectives.



STOP THE EXTRADITION OF MARTIN MCCAULEY

Anti Imperialist Action Ireland condemns the move by the Free State to arrest Martin McCauley at the behest of British Imperialism.

The Extradition of Irish Republicans is wrong and must be opposed by all Republicans.

Martin finds himself in a prison cell, because the British Forces of Occupation want to interrogate him about an IRA operation in Lurgan in 1982.

That operation was carried out by Óglaigh na h-Éireann as it pursued the war for National Liberation in Ireland and was not a criminal act.

Martin McCauley is the latest Republican to find himself facing extradition as Britain continues to wage its war against Irish Republicans.

Sean Walsh from Cork has been held in Portlaoise Prison for over 3 years as he fights an MIS driven extradition. Jim Donegan, Seamus Kane and John McNicholl are also fighting extradition in the Free State courts.

No is the time for all Republicans, regardless of group or affiliation, to stand together to resist the extradition of ALL Irish Republicans!

MORE SPECIAL BRANCH HARASSMENT

Recently in Limerick City, members of AIA engaged with several volunteer services that provide support and one-on-one initiatives for the homeless and those with dual diagnosis issues.

Following these engagements, our members noticed overt surveillance by the forces of the Status Quo. These plain-clothes thugs made their presence conspicuous every time our members spoke to anyone in public, hoping to intimidate us or frighten members of the public.

This behavior reveals the regime's fear of political and community activism and their complete lack of empathy for those suffering under the policies of their political masters.

As the activists dispersed and headed to their transport home, one member was followed to Limerick City train station and accosted by the Special Branch, who loudly demanded to search them. The member's unexpected response left the thugs shame-faced and empty-handed.

Anti-Imperialist Action and our members remain undeterred, unbowed, and unbroken.



EMERGENCY VIGIL FOR RESISTANCE LEADERS

On August 2, Anti Imperialist PFLP.

Action Ireland along with Saoirse The protest was a militant and unapologetic display of support for the Resistance. A member of Bridge in Dublin for the martyred leaders of the Resistance against Zionism, Ismail Haniyeh and Fouad Shukr, and was attended by scores of people.

The vigil was a militant display of support for the Resistance, with the flags of the PFLP, Hezbollah and Hamas on display and a large banner which proclaimed "Glory to the Martyrs", alongside Tricolours, Starry Ploughs and AIA flags.

The protest also highlighted the continued plight of Palestinian Prisoners of War such as Ahmad Sa'adat, imprisoned leader of the

The protest was a militant and unapologetic display of support for the Resistance. A member of AIA gave a speech emphasising that no matter how many leaders the Zionists assassinate, the Resistance cannot be stopped. The Zionist entity will be destroyed!

The vigil was kept under close watch by the Free State's political police, the Special Branch who videoed and photographed the crowd and it is suspected at least one Zionist agent was standing with the Special Branch throughout. Such petty attempts at intimidation will not stop Republicans standing in support of the Palestinian Resistance!



**PALESTINE
SOLIDARITY:
AXA DIVESTS!**

It has recently been announced that AXA will fully divest from zionism, a victory won by the Palestine solidarity movement around the world. Anti Imperialist Action Ireland and Saoirse Don Phalistin have played our part in campaigning against AXA. From urging hundreds of drivers insured with them to cancel, to marking offices highlighting their complicity as well as organising pickets against them.

The boycott tactic is named for a land agent and Brit terrorist Charles Cunningham Boycott, who was

shunned by workers and peasants in Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo during the Land War. Infamous for his exorbitant rents and cruel evictions, locals acted decisively when eleven tenants faced eviction at once. Republicans have often advocated the boycott of British goods and Dunnes Stores workers were instrumental in blocking the flow of goods from apartheid South Africa (activism which is criminalised by the free state today under the 1990 Industrial Relations act). Targeted boycotts utilising direct action can be an

effective tactic of class struggle and to isolate fascist regimes like the zionist entity.

Reformists who counterpose BDS with the Palestinian resistance however are sorely mistaken, their struggle remains the principal means of shaking off the zionist occupation. The greatest threat to the zionist entity and the imperialists backing it are the resistance fighters, day by day fighting towards a free Palestine.



VOL. WILLIE PRICE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday August 18, Republicans from across Ireland gathered in Brockagh, Tyrone to mark the 40th Anniversary of IRA Volunteer Willie Price, who was killed on Active Service by the British forces of Occupation while fighting for the Sovereign, Independent, Irish Republic.

The event, organised by Anti Imperialist Action Ireland was chaired by a South Derry Republican. The 1916 Proclamation was read before a Republican Activist from Tyrone laid a floral tribute on the grave of Vol. Willie Price.

Following a minutes silence for all those in every generation who have fought and died for Irish Freedom, the main oration was delivered by Republican Ex-POW Mike Edwards and will be published in full.

The chair then brought the event to a close by saying that Willie Price continues to inspire genuine Irish Republicans and that the fight for the Republic he gave his life for will continue until victory.

The following is the main oration delivered at the graveside:

Óglach William "Willie" Price was an ardent socialist and forward thinker, deeply committed to the ideals of equality, social inclusion, and community participation. His passion for these principles led him to become a guerrilla fighter, actively resisting the oppressive occupational forces that sought to subjugate his people, he joined the IRA in 1979, and at the age of just 28 was a seasoned and very experienced Resistance Fighter and Community Champion.

I only met Willie a small number of times in other settings and my enduring memory of him is his unwavering socialism and commitment to a United Ireland, back then socialist discussion and debate were often frowned upon by older Republicans but like Fleming and Lynagh, Willie was undeterred by this.

Recognising the limitations of traditional war-

fare, Willie, and many of his comrades in the Active Service Units and Depts of the Irish Republican Army, sought to transform their resistance movement into a more initiative-taking and mobile force. They believed that adopting guerrilla tactics based on international tactics and history would allow them to outmanoeuvre the better-equipped occupational forces and strike decisive blows against them. Like the Volunteers betrayed and killed in action at Loughgall, Willie's death at the hands of the murderous terrorists of the SAS has left many questions, none of those questions are aimed at the commitment, determination, or capability of this truly exceptional socialist republican resistance fighter.

Despite their efforts and strategic acumen, Willie and his fellow fighters were ultimately betrayed. Whether through infiltration by enemy spies, the treachery of a disillusioned comrade, or the coercion of local informants, their plans were revealed to the occupational forces. This betrayal led to a fierce confrontation in which Willie was gravely wounded.

Captured by the enemy, Willie was executed as a warning to others who might dare to resist. His execution was intended to demoralise the resistance movement, but instead, it galvanised the resolve of his comrades and the local population. Willie's martyrdom at what was the start of the shoot-to-kill policy became a symbol of the unyielding spirit of the fight for justice and freedom. A quote from a comrade who was part of the IRA action was "A good three minutes after the firing, there seemed to be one shot and then a burst of shots."



The Occupational force's fear of 28-year-old Vol William Price and his comrades was such that they attacked his funeral cortege between his Home and Brockagh Chapel, in what was to become a new reviled tactic of the armed terrorists of oppression.

Óglach William Price like so many volunteers is remembered as a hero and a symbol of unwavering commitment to the cause of socialism. His efforts to modernise and mobilise the resistance had a lasting impact, inspiring future generations to continue the struggle for equality and justice. His story is a testament to the power of ideals and the enduring strength of the human spirit in the face of oppression.

Vol Price's legacy is one of enduring resistance, the knowledge that occupation and oppression are wrong, having fought against the might of the imperialist regime he will never be forgotten, his actions as a committed Irish Socialist Republican were not based on a collaborationist regime, nor for electoralism or a desire for personal economic power, but to establish and grow the Irish Socialist Republic as place of Equality, Justice and Freedom Óglach William "Willie" Price RIP."



LEGACY

Reflections on the Struggle for a Free, Equal, and Just Ireland.

As community and political activists who have stood in opposition to occupation and oppression, we find ourselves at a critical juncture. We commemorate our fallen comrades—those who sacrificed their lives in the fight for an Ireland free from foreign domination and internal betrayal.

These martyrs of resistance, who dedicated their lives to the cause, left us a legacy that we must uphold with the utmost respect. But what is the value of their sacrifice if we, the living, fail to advance the struggle they so fiercely championed? What does it mean for our movement when some of our former comrades now administer the very laws and tactics of the oppressor?

The history of resistance in Ireland is one of courage and determination, but also one marked by setbacks, betrayals, and the co-option of our struggle by those who once stood with us. These individuals, who now enforce the policies of the occupier, are a stark reminder of the dangers of complacency and the seductive allure of power. They have traded the ideals of a free and just Ireland for positions within a system that continues to oppress and marginalise our communities. The reality of resistance today is a complex one. While the flame of resistance burns as brightly as ever, its heat felt by the occupier and their forces, we are confronted

with the harsh realities of modern repression. The increase in the number of activists incarcerated under the guise of "internment by remand," the imposition of punitive bail conditions, and the ever-present threats to our lives by the state's paramilitary forces remind us that the struggle is far from over. These tactics, designed to stifle dissent and instil fear, are evidence that our cause remains a potent threat to the status quo.

Yet, the oppressor and their collaborators would have us believe that we live in a "shared Ireland," a place where all are equal. They point to the institutions of the state, now staffed in part by former comrades, who now are part of a counter revolutionary party intent on power within partitioned Ireland, as proof that our struggle has succeeded. But this is a cruel illusion. The reality is that the structures of power remain unchanged, and the oppression continues, albeit increased and with a different face. Social media posts and articles advocating for a free Ireland are now deemed criminal acts, evidence of subversion in a state that claims to value free expression, with participatory democracy as its foundation. This perverse logic is the mark of a system desperate to maintain control, even as it claims to embrace the principles of equality and justice.

Our fallen comrades did not give their lives for an Ireland where resistance is criminalised, and the agents of occupation are lauded as peacemakers. They did not die for a nation where the principles of justice and equality are co-opted by those who administer the laws of the oppressor. Their legacy demands that we continue the struggle, that we resist the forces of co-option and betrayal, and that we remain vigilant against the insidious attempts to dilute our cause.

We must ask ourselves, what have decades of sacrifice given us if we stand idle while the graves of our comrades are desecrated by the very system they fought against? What is the value of their martyrdom if we allow the flame of resistance to be dimmed by the false promises of a shared Ireland that remains deeply divided? The struggle for a free, equal, and just Ireland has faced setbacks before. It has been betrayed, usurped, and co-opted by those who have lost sight of our ultimate goal. But the spirit of resistance endures, and it is this spirit that we must nurture and protect.

The occupier and their lackeys may seek to intimidate us, to silence our voices and extinguish the flame of resistance. They may incarcerate our activists, impose punitive measures, and issue threats against our lives. But they cannot kill the idea of a free Ire-

land, nor can they erase the memory of our fallen comrades. We owe it to those who came before us, to those who gave their lives for this cause, to ensure that their sacrifice was not in vain.

In the face of these challenges, we must reaffirm our commitment to the struggle. We must resist the temptation to compromise with a system that continues to oppress and marginalise our communities. We must hold firm to the ideals of a free, equal, and just Ireland, and we must work tirelessly to make this vision a reality. Our fallen comrades deserve nothing less, and neither do the generations that will follow in our footsteps.

The legacy of our fallen resistance fighters is not just a memory to be honoured, it is a call to action. It is a reminder that the struggle for a free Ireland is ongoing and that we have a responsibility to continue this fight. As long as the flame of resistance burns, there is hope for a future where our children can live in an Ireland that is truly free, equal, and just. Let us not betray this legacy by standing idle. Let us continue the fight with the same courage and determination that our fallen comrades displayed. For them, for our communities, and for the Ireland that we dream of, we must keep the flame of resistance burning bright.

ZIONISTS INVADE WEST BANK

Anti Imperialist Action Ireland condemns the Zionist aggression in the West Bank of Palestine.

The aim of the Zionist entity is clearly to open a new front in their campaign of genocide and terror against the Palestinian People aimed at the annexation of the West Bank and the killing, dispossession and displacement of its population.

We salute the Palestinian Resistance who are on the battlefield every hour of every day since October 7 2023 fighting Zionist terror, defending their people and their homeland.

The latest Zionist aggression is backed by their imperialist masters in Britain and the US, who stand fully behind the Zionist war effort shamefully continues to supply the criminals with weapons.

AIA continues to stand firmly with the Resistance and remain steadfast in the belief that Palestine will win and that Zionism and Imperialism will be defeated in the Middle East by the Palestinians and their Resistance Allies.

Irish Republicans will continue to stand up for Palestine!



PEOPLES WAR UPDATE

PHILIPPINES

The anti-imperialist guerrillas of the New People's Army are currently waging a revolutionary armed struggle in the islands of the Philippines against their fascist government and imperialism in their country.

July - The New People's Army in Central Mindanao ambushes soldiers of the 8th Infantry Battalion.

8th of July - The 2nd Infantry Battalion in Bicol murders 2 civilian farmers during a counter-insurgency operation.

8th of July - The 74th Infantry Battalion in Northern Samar murders 2 civilians during a counter-insurgency operation.

11th of July - NPA in Southern Mindoro foil an attempted attack by the 203rd Brigade, killing 3 soldiers and wounding several others.

18th of July - The 80th Infantry Battalion murders red fighter Wally "Ka KM" Agudes during a house raid.

29th of July - The 15th Infantry Battalion in Southwest Negros tortures and murders an elderly civilian during a counter-insurgency operation.

30th of July - The PNP in Sipalay City arrests and murders unarmed hors de combat Regie "Ka Tata" Fundador.

5th of August - NPA in Central Panay actively defends itself against a combined operation by the Armed Forces. Red fighter Benjamin "Ka Mamang" Cortel is martyred in the fighting.

7th of August - NPA in Central Panay actively defends itself against another combined operation by the Armed Forces. Red fighter Jose Jerry "Ka Miller" Takaisan is martyred in the fighting.

8th of August - NPA in Central Panay actively defends itself against another combined operation by the Armed Forces. Red fighters Romulo Ituriaga "Ka Pedik" Gangoso, Armando Rogelio "Ka Nene" Sabares, Aurelio "Ka Rio" Bosque, Jovelyn "Ka Akay" Silverio, and Jielmor "Ka Doc" Gauranoc are martyred in the fighting.

10th of August - The New People's Army in Masbate ambushes two military camps, one belonging to the 93rd Division Reconnaissance Company and the other to the 2nd Infantry Battalion.

14th of August - The NPA in Central Mindanao publishes that 6 soldiers of the Armed Forces were killed and 12 were wounded in 4 separate actions between March and July.



MIDDLE EAST FACES REGIONAL WAR

The assassination on the 31st of July of the leader of the Hamas Political Bureau Ismail Haniyeh in the heart of Tehran, as well as that of Hezbollah Commander Fouad Shukr only the day before in Beirut, have ratcheted up tensions in the region to its greatest height yet.

The insult to the Islamic Republic of Iran in particular could not have been more severe; Haniyeh was an honoured guest of the state under their protection, having met the Iranian Supreme Leader as well as the newly elected Iranian President that very day. The Iranian government has vowed military retaliation for the insult, as has the entire "Axis of Resistance" which includes Hezbollah, Ansar Allah in Yemen, and various factions in Syria and Iraq. Such retaliation has not yet been forthcoming but is only a matter of time.

This reckless adventurism by the Zionists is out of sheer desperation. The Zionist economy is facing possible collapse, internal political divisions are rife, and yet they have come no closer to eliminating the Palestinian Re-



Iranian Republican Guards Corps tests mid-range missiles.

sistance in Gaza. Meanwhile their occupation army is increasingly demoralised, with conscripts reported as refusing to fight. In mid-August, Yitzhak Brik, a retired "Israeli" General, stated that *"The country really is galloping towards the edge of an abyss. If the war of attrition against Hamas and Hezbollah continues, Israel will collapse within no more than a year."* The recent escalations in the West Bank must also be seen in this context.

It would appear that the Zionist plan is to force a region wide conflict in which they hope they can draw the USA and it's NATO allies into a direct military conflict. This is an admission of weakness on their part, that they are incapable of defeating the Resistance without imperialist intervention. It is also a suicidal venture, as a region wide conflict would inevitably unite forces against the Zionist project, a conflagration that would almost certainly destroy the settler regime. Such a war would also shore up internal Zionist unity in

the face of widespread protests and division

Already there are reports that the American airforce has directly participated in strikes on Lebanon. The US navy has been increasingly deployed off the coast of Palestine as well as in the Arab Gulf. Britain, France, the US and other NATO allies have given commitments that if Iran were to strike "Israel" directly, they would intervene. The western puppet regimes in the region such as Jordan and Saudi Arabia have promised the same. This raises the potential of not only regional war, but major Western imperialist involvement in such a war. Such a war may not be what the Americans desire, as damaging as it will be to their interests in the region. They are however determined to do all they can to protect their Zionist outpost.

All those who support the Palestinian cause should be prepared to stand with the anti-Zionist Resistance as they defend themselves against this aggression. The imperialist west has massacred the peoples of the Arab world for over a century. The only hope for peace in this region is for the imperialist outpost of "Israel" to be dismantled once and for all, and for a unitary Palestinian state to be established on its ruins



AUGUST 2024 APPEAL

An Choiste Cabhrach is the Socialist Republican Welfare Committee that provides welfare to Republican activists and their dependents in need.

Our work includes raising bail money for Republican Activists who have been denied their freedom for their active involvement in the struggle for freedom, providing assistance to their dependents, raising money to fund the legal costs and raising money to pay the fines of Republican and community activists convicted in British and Free State courts. A portion of all monies raised will also be donated towards the welfare of Irish Republican Prisoners of War.

This August there are a growing number of Republican Activists before the courts. Some will face imprisonment, some will face fines, some are out of work as a result and their dependents need support. As the number of activists before the courts for challenging the British Occupation and partition of Ireland continues to rise, so do the legal cost of supporting and representing them. An Choiste Cabhrach asks that you support our work at this time and donate whatever you can afford.

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